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TO THE

Substantial IMPEACHMENT of  
Dr. Sacheverell,

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## A Dialogue

B E T W E E N

An High-Church Captain, a Stanch'd  
Whigg, and a Coffee-man ;

As the Matter of Fact was really transacted on Friday  
last in B——s Coffee-House in Westminster-Hall.

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[Enter the Captain in the Coffee-House.]

Captain. **H**ow is it B---d?

Coffee-man. Very well, noble Captain.

Captain. Give me a Dish of Tea.

Coffee-man. You shall have it in a Minute.

After he had drank it, he pulls out the Tryal of King Charles the First, and thus begins to read; "*Bradshaw* being seated and Robed in Scarlet (for you must know this Trayterous Villain was going about a Bloody Action) the King being now the third time before this pretended Court of Justice, with abundance of Eloquence, argued against their Authority; *Bradshaw* that Rigicee (who was afterwards hanged at Tyburn for this noble Deed) speaks to the King after this sawcy manner—Sir, you have heard what is moved by the Council on the behalf of the Kingdom against you, and now the Court expects that you give in your positive and final Answer, [Observe that, in plain English] whether you are Guilty, or Not Guilty, of the Treasons laid to your Charge. Here's Language from a dutiful Subject to his King! a sawcy imperious Rascal. But pray hear what the King says thereto.—King. *I was here yesterday, I desired to speak for the Liberties of the People, but was interrupted.*—*Bradshaw*. Sir, you have heard the Resolution of the Court upon the like Question, and that you ought to acknowledge the Jurisdiction of it, and answer to your Charge.—King. For the Charge I value not a Rush, it is the Liberty of the People I stand for. (Here's a Prince of an undaunted Courage, speaks boldly to the Face of the Villains) *I say for me to acknowledge a new Court that I never heard of before: I that am your King, that should be an Example to all the People of England, to uphold Justice, to maintain the old Laws: Indeed I do not know how to do it.* (He speaks like an Angel.) But now you shall hear what Judge Impudence says.—*Bradshaw*. Sir, (not your Majesty that's Popery, or at least Slavery) you must know the pleasure of the Court (You must know the Pleasure of the Court! there's a Dog for you, King. By your Favour, Sir.—*Bradshaw* interrupted him.—(Do you see the Manners of the Beast?)—*Bradshaw*. Nay, Sir, by your favour, you may not be permitted to fall into those Discourses, (very fine indeed) you appear a Delinquent (why not a Rebel too?) you have not acknowledged the Authority of the Court, the Court craves it not of you, but once more they command you to give your positive Answer. (Here's Trayterous Villains! what command their King to give his positive Answer! Ah Presbyterian Dogs, they deserv'd to be cut as small as Herbs to the Pot.

Coffee-man. Captain you dare not say so much at *Dick's* Coffee-house at Temple-Bar.

Captain. Yes at *Dick's*, or at any Whiggs Coffee-house in the Kingdom. What, command their King! Oh Villains in grane!

Upstarts a franch'd Regicede Whigg and speaks, Captain, don't you use to command your soldiers, Sir?

Capt.

*Capt.* 'Tis true, I do, but Sir, my Soldiers don't command me.

*Whig.* But the High-Court of Justice at that time were in power, and then they had the command.

*Capt.* What! Subjects command their King, Sir?

*Whig.* Yes, and so they ought to do, when such Princes as he shall dare to ruine his Subjects by ill Council, and shall presume to consent to the Butchering of so many Thousand Protestants as he did in *Ireland*, then I think 'tis high time to command such a Prince, and to call him to an Account for those Barbarous Actions.

*Capt.* That's a Scandalous Odium cast on the Blest Martyr, by your Damn'd Whiggish party, on purpose to Blacken him, that your Villanies might seem justifiable in the Eyes of the People; but when all is said to vindicate their Actions, is giving as it were your Consent to the Murder of the King afresh, which is Villanous and Trayterous, and is condemn'd already by that very Act which ordains the 30th of *January* to be kept in perpetual Memory of that Horrid and Traytorous Fact, and so long as we have Swords we will defend that Law, and lets see what Whigg will dare to dispute it with us.

*Whigg.* I think, Sir, 'tis time the keeping of that Day was laid aside, since our happy Union with *Scotland*.

*Capt.* Yes, no question 'twould be of mighty service to such Whiggish Rascals as would have it forgotten, but I hope 'twill be kept up for ever to the Hearts grief of that damn'd Party.

*Whigg.* You're passionate, Captain; but what say you to the *Fifth* of *November*?

*Capt.* I say let that and the 30th of *January* for ever be remembred, and let 'em stand (as *Dr. Sacheverell* says) as a perpetual Memorial to this Kingdom, of the unparrelled Villany that this Church and State underwent in those Times by the Perils of such false Brethren as the *Papists* and *Presbyterians* then were.

*Whig.* What do you think of your Doctor *Sacheverell*? is he not a fine Fellow to go about to set the Nation by the Ears?

*Capt.* That's a mistake of yours; you damn'd Whigs are so gall'd, that a Man can no sooner touch you, but presently you winch.

*Whig.* No, 'tis the Government, not us.

*Capt.* I say you can't endure to have your Faults laid open, he only lets the Nation see what Hypocritical Villains you are, that you can't be contented to enjoy your Liberty in your own Meetings, nor continue in the Church neither, tho' you can occasionally Conform for a good fat Place in the Government, but must return to the Conventicle again with a Horse-Pox to'ye, and this is it that stomachs your Whiggish Worships mightily; but it seems Truth is not to be spoken at all times.

*Whig.* No, he's a seditious Preacher, and endeavours to stir up the People to Rebellion against the Government, for which he deserves to have his Gown strip'd over his Ears, and suspended all Priestly Office in the Church for the future.

*Capt.* Yes, yes, that's what you would fain be at in your publick Discourse, but in your Cabals some are for Hanging of him first, and Judging of him afterwards; others are for cleansing of him inwardly after the Butchers fashion; viz. Gutting of him; and some of the most merciful of your Party are so charitable to him this cold Weather, that to keep him warm, they would fain Roast him alive, such sweet sanctified Villains are they.

*Whig.*

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*Whig.* What makes you scandalise 'em thus ?

*Capt.* 'Tis only a little matter of Fact, and Truth which you have so Zealously coppied after your Brother Popery.

*Whig.* This only on purpose to blacken 'em, there's nothing in't.

*Capt.* I tell you 'tis Fact, and can prove it upon occasion; and pray let me add another to the rest of 'em.

*Whig.* I warrant that is good as the rest, let's hear it however.

*Capt.* I say 'tis what I suppose you'll hardly deny, there is a parcel of *Whigs* when they go to Church to Qualifie themselves for a Post, or Place of Preferment in the Government, you know they go to the very Altar to receive the Blessed Sacrament, and when they have done out they come and I overheard one say, *Jack, Jack*, I had much ado to swallow it, faith, 'tis ready to choak me, it sticks still in my Throat, I must wash it down with a Bottle of Claret, and then the Villains drink Confusion to that Church which has so charitably let 'em into their desired Preferment.

*Whig.* That's a Story of your Invention I warrant.

*Capt.* 'Tis their Practice every Day, and now I think 'tis high time to fence such Villains out of the Church, who so publickly declares her Ruin.

*Whig.* He takes up a Print, Intitul'd, An Account of the Substance of the Articles of Impeachment, exhibited against Dr. *Sacheverel* in the House — with Remarks thereon.

I. That he was guilty of several High Crimes and Misdemeanors, particularly by Preaching up, Maintaining, Advancing and Encouraging from the Pulpit, the exploded Doctrine of Passive Obedience, Non-resistance and Hereditary Succession, against the declar'd Principles of Parliamentary Limitation, in order to subvert the Laws of the Land and Liberties of the Subject, and directly against the Principles on which the Revolution was founded.

II. As also for Reflecting on the Toleration, to the Dishonour, Scandal and Prejudice of the present happy Establish'd Government, as if it encouraged Hypocrites and Schismatics, &c.

III. That the Church of *England* was in Danger, notwithstanding the late Resolution of both Houses of Parliament to the contrary; Reflecting on them by an odious Comparison, that the Long Parliament voted King *Charles the First's* Person out of Danger, when his Murderers were then actually Conspiring his Death, by an Innuendo, as if the present P—— would do so by the Church.

IV. And lastly for Reflecting on the Ministry, rendring them Obnoxious to the People, in order to create a Misunderstanding between them and Her Majesty, and thereby occasion Sedition and Disorder among the Subjects of *Great-Britain*; and many other Inconveniencies as will more at large appear when his Tryal before the *Honourable House of Lords* is Printed and Published.

And when he had done Reading of it, says, Captain, what do you say to this Paper?

*Capt.* Truly, I am of Opinion, This Paper is not the Articles that are exhibited against Dr. *Sacheverel*.

*Whig.* Why should you think so?

*Capt.* Because they are so frivolous, that any body may answer them.

*Whig.* I should be glad to see you undertake it.

*Capt.* I am certain I can answer the most material things in it, said against the Doctor.

*Whig.* Come on Captain, let's see your noble Answer thereto.



**Capt.** I don't question but the Reverend Doctor is able to answer what he has preached in his Sermon, but this Paper's Reasons are so weak, that they are easily answer'd.

**Whig.** Begin then.

**Capt.** Then, whereas its said, that he preaches up *Passive Obedience*, and *Non-Resistance*, and *Hereditary Succession*, against the declared Principles of Parliamentary Limitation, in Order to subvert the Laws of the Land, &c. and directly against the Principles on which the Revolution was founded, is all a false Notion, as I shall make appear by and by, tho' I don't deny, but he may have preached *Passive Obedience*, &c. to the Heirs of the *Hereditary Succession*; but how does that thwart the Declared Principles of Parliamentary Limitation, for is't not plain, that King *William* and his Parliament settled the Succession of the Crown to the next Protestant Heir in Blood, after the Decease of Her Majesty, and for want of Issue on the House of *Hannover*; and pray, is She not in the Line of *Hereditary Succession*? If so, then 'tis not contrary to the Principles of the Revolution, for it abundantly proves 'twas their own Aim to keep the Succession on the Right *Hereditary Line*, as they have establish'd it.

**Whig.** So far you are right Captain; but why should he preach so much upon the Doctrins of *Passive Obedience*, &c. My thinks it is the ready way to enslave the Free-born People of *England*, and to set up Princes for Arbitrary Government, is such a thing, I abominate and cannot endure

**Capt.** Arbitrary Government in Monarchy is not to be endured by the *Whigs*, but in a *Protector*, if he comes but with a Company of Officers at his Heels; and turns out the *Common-wealth* Parliament (as they very well deserved, when so justly the King demanded those Five Members, and they refused) by the Ears, and sets up himself, then all's well.

**Whig.** No, we don't love Arbitrary Power at all.

**Capt.** No, and stand so tirely to justify his Murthering of the King, as you did but just now; and pray, did you not Hug your selves contentedly in the sequestrations of the Kings, the Nobility, Gentry, and the Clergy's Lands and Revenues, then 'twas but Just and Glorious, nay Meritoriously done, with a Thank-God in the Mouth, as if he had consented to it; this was not Arbitrary, no not a Jot of it, this is what the Saints of the Lord would fain be nibbling at, tho' they have open'd their Shop, I must tell you, a little too soon.

**Whig.** Go on, go on with the Second Article.

**Capt.** Whereas 'tis said, that he Reflects on the *Toleration*, and the Dishonour, and Scandal of the present happy Establish'd Government, as if it encouraged Hypocrites and Scismatics, &c. I say, this is as false as the other, for the Doctor takes all that care imaginable, to prevent that *Odium* which before he saw (those Damn'd *Whigs*) would cast on him, for he plainly says in his Sermon, p. 13. I would not here be misunderstood, as if I intended to cast the least Invidious Reflection upon that Indulgence, the Government has condescended to give them, which I am sure all those that wish well to our Church are very ready to to grant to Consciences truly scrupulous; but why (as he says) must the Church that is Establish'd by Law,

be pelted (by *Whigs*) with more Blasphemous Libels, and scurrilous Lampoons, then were ever publish'd in *Oliver's* Usurpation, if they did not design her Ruine; nay, (farther he adds) have they not lately Villainiously devided Us with the Knavish Distinction of *High* and *Low* Churchmen, and are not the best Characters they can give Us, those of *Papist*, *Jacobites*, and *Conspirators*; is not this raising groundless Jealousies and Fears, in order to set Us by the Ears, for that the English on't, and in short, I'm of his Opinion.

*Whig*. Come, come, Captain, proceed to the Third Article, and let's see how you will get from that which I take to be a Clencher.

*Capt*. never fear, I shall Encounter that I warrant you; I shall divide that Article into 2 Parts, and to each give a distinct Answer; And first of all, it is said, That the Church of *England* is in Danger, notwithstanding the late Resolution of both Houses of Parliament to the contrary; now this at first sight looks as you say, indeed, a Clencher. But to clear this Matter, if you will but look back to the Vote, or Resolution, you will find this Matter to vanish in a minute; for there 'tis said, That whoever shall by Writing, Speaking, or Printing, Publish, or Declare, That the Church of *England*, as she now stands by Law Establish'd, is in Danger under her present Majesty's Administration, &c. where, observe, this Article has left out, under her present Majesty's Administration, on purpose to blacken the Doctor; for I defie any Person to shew me in the Sermon, where he has said, that the Church is in Danger under her present Majesty's Administration, and I'll give up the Cause; 'tis true, I don't deny but he says the Church is in Danger, but that is by the Perils of false Brethren, such as you *Whigs* are, not from the Q—n, as is slyly insinuated.

*Whig*. I but he means the Q—n.

*Capt*. A very good Jest, I hope you won't have the Impudence to blacken this Q—n as your Party does, who says, that a certain G---t L---y at C---t often prevails with her privately, to hear one of your Pious Teachers; nay, and farther hath the Impudence to say, That the Good Q--- fits between a pious *Presbyterian* Preacher on the one Hand, and a Moderate B—— of the C—— of *England* on the other; but I shall not more believe this blacking Story of her, which is only said to make Her an *Odium* to the Church of *England*, than I shall that which the same *Whigs* made use of to Ruine Her Royal Father.

rather King *James*, viz: Poysoning his Brother King *Charles* II. for 'tis their sole property to blacken the Monarchy on purpose to bring it to Ruine if possible.

*Whig*, I, but I tell you, he means the Queen.

*Capt.* That's false, read his Sermon, p. 11. where he explains himself, This Pious Design of making our House of Prayer a Den of Thieves, of Reforming our Church into a Chaos, is well known to have been attempted several times in this Kingdom, and lately within our own Memories; and he further goes on to explain his Meaning, which is what could not then be gained by Comprehension and Tolleration, (which every body knows was not in this Reign, but in King *Charles* II.) may be brought about by Moderation and Occasional Conformity, and what they could not do (meaning the *Presbyterians*, and not the Q—n) by open Violence, they will not fail still (the *Presbyterian*) by secret Treachery to accomplish; Now, where is a bit of the Q—'s Administration all this, if the Clergy of the Church are such Fools to let them in, when they can keep them out, 'tis their own Faults, and no bodies else, for if they would refuse to give them the Holy Sacrament, I am sure they would never be qualified for any Post or Place of Preferment in the Government, no, not so much a Headborough, much less Parliament Men, and when I am sure it could never be in their Power to go about to ruin the Church.

*Whig*. I don't believe any one's going about it.

*Capt.* Nay, faith, 'tis all one if they do, but they had best take care lest, when they undermine the Church, the Ruins don't fall upon such, and crush 'em to pieces, as undertakes it.

*Whig*. Well, pray proceed to the Second Head of this third Article.

*Capt.* Well then, it is, That the Long Parliament Voted the Person of King *Charles* the First out of Danger, when hisurtherers were actually Conspiring his Death, and the Ruine of the Church.

*Whig*. My thinks this is a very odious Comparison, and is, if it were, by an *Innuendo*, as if the present P———t design'd the Ruine of the Church.

*Capt.* As for the supposed Ruine of the Church, as you cease to intimate by your *Innuendo*, neither the H—— of —s, nor the H—— of P——s, nor her present Ma——y, dare affirm, have any such thought, and 'tis therefore scandalous to think so, and therefore falsely imputed to the Doctor's



Doctor's charge, when in his Sermon he has so often explain'd who those Persons were that he hinted at that were about to ruine the Church, and therefore this is a false Imputation laid on him, and 'tis morally impossiblen the Church should be ruined, for the Q—n, L—s and C—ns have sworn to support this Church of *England* as she stands by Law established; nay, the Nobility, Gentry, and Commonality of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, did by their Compact with the Kingdom of *England* on the Union, oblige themselves in one of the said Union-Articles, to defend, support, uphold and maintain the Church of *England* under the Government of Arch-Bishops, Priests and Deacons, in the Worship she now stands established by Law in *England*; so the Nobility, Gentry, and Commonality of *England*, did by their Compact with the Kingdom of *Scotland* on the said Union, oblige themselves in one of the said Union-Articles, to defend, support, uphold, and maintain the Church of *Scotland* and the Government of *Presbytery* in the Worship she now stands by Law established. And therefore, as I said before; 'tis in vain to attempt the plucking down any one of the said Churches without engaging both the Kingdoms in her said Defence.

*Whig.* Here Captain you say well, for I am of your Opinion.

*Capt.* That may be at present, but I doubt you will leave me anon, when I come to speak of the *Parliament* in *Forty One*, who not only pull'd down the Church of *England*, and set up another, whereby they established the *Directory* instead of the *Common-Prayer*; and it is also as true that altho the *Long Parliament* voted the King's person to be out of Danger, that's more then they could warrant, tho' the Almighty kept it so for a considerable time, for according to human probability, he might as well have met with Death when he travelled through so many showers of Bullets that the *Parliament's* forces so liberally bestowed on him, as when he met it by their Noble Heads-Man at last, and had not the *Presbyterians* overcome him and his forces by War, the *Independants* had never been able to cut off his Head, what say you to this, I doubt now whether you will be of my Opinion or not.

*Whig.* But this shews that the *Presbyterians* did not cut off his Head.

*Capt.* So I say, but they help'd to do it by overcoming the King and his Forces, as I said already.

*Whig.* Well, Sir, proceed to the fourth Article.

*Capt.* That I have already spoken to in my last, by clearing the Ministry from it; and therefore this Matter is so plain, that there needs no Misunderstanding, the Saddle being clearly laid upon the right Horse.

*Whig.* I hear that the Doctor has moved for Bail in the H— of P—s, and that a full H— is order'd to attend to Day.

*Capt.* I don't question but their Honours will grant his Desire.